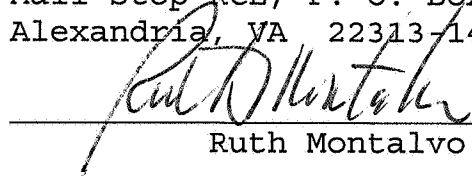


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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE

The following is submitted in response to the
Examiner's Final Action dated April 9, 2007 and in support of
the concurrently filed RCE.

Please amend the specification and claims as set forth
on the following pages. No new subject matter is added. The
claim amendment replaces claims 35-65 with claims 66-84.